

Helping Survivors of Hurricane Katrina



Dear Friends:

Today members of Congress are preparing for the busy legislative session that is about to begin. While the matters on the agenda are of great importance, the most pressing issue has become dealing with the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Katrina. The storm has left most of the central Gulf Coast region in total devastation. Our hearts and prayers go out to the survivors and their families. Their needs are enormous.

For this reason, I have been working closely with federal agencies to assist in the relief effort. I have contacted the coordinators of shelters throughout the state to identify local needs and to offer my assistance to the victims of the disaster that have taken refuge in Texas.

The response from Texans has been overwhelming, and I have been pleased to help facilitate several sizeable donations offered by Texans to help our neighbors. These donations have included portable buildings, storage tanks for drinking water, and other supplies critical to the effort.

Many of you have asked how you can most effectively assist in the recovery and relocation efforts. My website www.cornyn.senate.gov/hurricane contains many links to organizations that are facilitating donations and offers to help, both in Texas and the states hardest hit by this tragedy.

Congress has already approved more than \$10 billion in emergency funding, and when we reconvene on Tuesday, we will focus our efforts to bring further relief to citizens in the devastated areas.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent you in the United States Senate and to be of service in this time of great need.

Sincerely,

JOHN CORNYN

United States Senator